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Obviously, some games don't rely on instruction very heavily and this shows in the secondhand prices. Other games, like adventure games, need volume after volume of explanation and you'd have to be off your rocker to buy the game without instructions! Simple city, huh?

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A Boy and his Blob Slow, dull arcade adventure with a few original ideas, some nice animation and backgrounds. There's only a couple of pretty empty levels to play through	N	55%	2	£35	£26	£23	£19
The Addams Family Seemingly playable arcade adventure based loosely the fearsome family. Average graphics and some good puzzles but you'll finish the game in no time	N	55%	7	£43	£27	£24	£21
The Addams Family Empty game that's not as pretty or as playable as it's NES brother. Quite a challenging game but still more pukey than ookey	G	52%	7	£25	£14	£12	£10
The Addams Family Slick platform adventure with moody, atmospheric graphics and heaps of weird baddies. A real toughie that can get enormously, gigantically frustrating	S	70%	8	£45	£28	£26	£23

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Alleyway Inferior conversion of an old arcade game that doesn't come close to slicing the mustard. Breakout fans may find something to enjoy in it, though	N	-	-	£40	£25	£23	£19
Amazing Spiderman Spidey slings webs, swings a bit and takes on a baddy in a silly cossie. Zap, pow 'n' biff beat 'em up sequences make this game fun for Marvel maniacs	G	68%	3	£25	£14	£12	£11
Asteroids Very simple, single screen shooter where you turn and burn asteroids to stay alive. Dusty, crusty old 'classic' that's not really a musty	G	55%	5	£22	£12	£11	£9
Astral Bout Truly abysmal beat 'em up with uncontrollable fighters who only have one or two moves each. Graphics and animation are so bad they're funny	S	-	-	£45	£23	£20	£19

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Balloon Kid Cutesy balloon chasing adventure with some girl saving her bruv who's got rather attached to a string of said balloons. Fun, with lots of hazards to dodge	G	76%	3	£25	£14	£12	£10
Bart Simpson Bart's brill on the GB with great graphics and a fun challenge. Gameplay is well structured and it's got great sampled speech too	G	92%	4	£25	£15	£13	£12
Batman Five massive levels of tight wearing action in this tough platformer with loads of baddies to beat up. Ace backdrops and Batman's a dude with real attitude	N	81%	1	£45	£27	£25	£22
Batman Batty's more than a bit like Mario in tricky little blaster that's similar to Super Mario Land. Dinky graphics move well and make this a great game	G	80%	1	£25	£14	£13	£11

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Batman 2 Fab looking game that really shows what the GB can do. Hugely impressive special FX, great gameplay and a tough challenge to keep you glued to your GB	G	86%	10	£25	£15	£13	£12
Battle Blaze Big sprite beat 'em up that's got muscley characters but no meat in the gameplay. Limited moves and it won't last one player very long. Okay as a two player bash	S	59%	8	£45	£26	£24	£20
Battle of Olympus Massive quest set in Mythical Greece with plenty of fighting action to break up all the mapping and thinking. It's terrific and incredibly hard	N	92%	1	£35	£24	£18	£16
Bayou Billy Light gun shoot 'em up that should come supplied with a government warning. So naff you'll never ever want to play Nintendo again. Well, almost	N	22%	4	£35	£22	£17	£13

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Bill and Ted Most excellent game that's got nothing much to do with the Wyld Stallions but is still a totally bodacious arcade bash. It's easy but it's great fun, nontheless	G	91%	3	£25	£15	£13	£11
Blades of Steel Graphics ain't so hot on this ice hockey sim but there aren't many two player sports games on the NES that are more fun to play than this	N	81%	3	£35	£24	£21	£19
Blades of Steel On the green screen Blades of Steel's a bit out of place. It plays well but the ice hockey pitch just doesn't fit into the GB too well. Nice but no cigar	G	60%	6	£25	£15	£14	£12
Blaster Master Multi-level platform shoot 'em up with you as a tanky thing. Yes, it sounds familiar but has some decent puzzles and lots of mapping if you want that sort of thing	N	71%	6	£40	£25	£23	£20

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Blazeon Unbelievably lousy shoot 'em up with no redeeming features whatsoever. Except for the fact that you can turn it into an attractive doorstop or bookend	S	28%	10	£45	£23	£22	£18
Blues Brothers Addictive maze puzzler that's let down by it's lacklustre graphics. Lots of gameplay and some really smokin' Blues Brothers music help it along	G	74%	10	£28	£15	£13	£12
Blue Shadow Slick slice 'em up cum platform runabout that's very pretty and has two player option to boot. It's a little on the easy side, though	N	74%	4	£35	£24	£22	£19
Boulderdash Rockford dashes around collecting diamonds from 24 levels of the most addictive arcade puzzle action on the old NES. Brilliant	N	90%	1	£30	£20	£18	£17

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Boulderdash Superb GB conversion of this great old game. Grab all the diamonds in this collect 'em up full of tough but fair levels. Should keep you going for weeks	G	89%	3	£25	£14	£12	£10
Boxxle Crate shifting puzzler set in a warehouse. It's easy to learn how to play but this game gets incredibly hard after the inital screens	G	69%	9	£25	£13	£12	£9
Boxxle 2 More of the same old box shifting puzzley stuff. Some new puzzles in this version but the real improvement is the new level design facility. It's still very hard as well	G	79%	10	£29	£15	£13	£11
Bubble Bobble Tremendously addictive coin-op conversion of a great platformer. 226 levels of two player action that's almost the exact replica of the fab original	N	80%	1	£30	£17	£15	£13

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Bubble Bobble As addictive a game as you'll find, Bubble Bobble has great visuals and perfect gameplay. It's a real shame that the passcodes for each level make the game far too easy	G	68%	6	£25	£14	£13	£10
Bubble Ghost Odd puzzle game about blowing bubbles that's unusual but far too small and far too easy. You'll finish it within a day and no-one could be chuffed at that	G	22%	8	£30	£14	£12	£9
Bugs Bunny Pick up carrots on eighty exceedingly tedious levels that are all identical. At least that's the way it seems when you're playing it	G	43%	1	£20	£12	£10	£8
Burai Fighter Beautifully structured eight-way scrolling blast 'em up packed with chunky hardware. Three difficulty levels make it last longer	G	84%	4	£22	£13	£11	£10

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Burgertime Deluxe Nifty little chase with over-sized fast food on the rampage. Too simplistic but still good fun and you'll play on even after clocking it	G	71%	8	£25	£14	£12	£10
Caesar's Palace Five different gambling games set in Las Vegas. Needs a bit of skill to play. Why on earth people want to play roulette or pontoon on a GB is a mystery to us anyway	G	60%	6	£25	£13	£11	£10
Captain Planet Eco-freindly action which mixes shooting stuff with maze exploration. Defeat the polluters and save the world. Pity the game's not as right on as its storyline	N	70%	3	£40	£26	£24	£21
Captain Skyhawk Super smooth shooter with adrenaline-pumping action. Excellent all-round blaster with lots of missions and extra weapons	N	83%	1	£40	£26	£23	£20

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Castelian GB Castelian is an original, quirky tower climbing jobby – simple frustrating and can be extremely addictive. It works well on the little GB too	G	75%	8	£25	£15	£14	£13
Castlevania Whips and vampires and, erm, puppy dogs tails. An simple old platform plodder that can be quite repetitive. Ignore the flaws and it's a lot of fun	N	71%	7	£30	£23	£19	£17
Castlevania 2 Although it's got the same structure as the first Castlevania game, it's actually an adventure game. Bit boring but stick at it and it's not that bad	N	61%	7	£30	£22	£18	£16
Castlevania 2 Not brilliantly original title, is it? Still, it's great fun and has some massive levels that look gorgeous. A classy Game Boy romp and no mistake	G	90%	5	£25	£14	£13	£11

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Castlevania 3 Best of the Castlevania lot as far as the NES is concerned. Meaty beat 'em up gameplay and loads of action. Looks pretty fab, too. Just like the others it can get repetitive	N	80%	7	£40	£25	£21	£19
Castlevania 4 Not a lot of change from Number 3 on the NES. It's a fine slice 'n' dicer, however it can be quite samey. Some great FX and a wonderful soundtrack, though	S	74%	7	£50	£28	£25	£22
Castlevania Adventure Is there no end to these games? As Dracula is undead these should be called Sequelvania instead. Platforms,whips and so on. It's great on the GB	G	89%	1	£25	£15	£14	£12
Caveman Ninja Gorgeous backgrounds and giant end-of -level dinosaurs make this a real looker. Sadly, the difficult, samey gameplay doesn't live up to these standards.	N	67%	4	£35	£23	£21	£17

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Centipede Almost antique insect blaster, still fun to zap away at once in a while. Not much variety here, but it's tough and very addictive in its own zappy way	G	68%	7	£25	£14	£12	£10
Chess Master Perfect chess opponent plays a mean Czechoslovakian flange (eh?) and has some nifty digitised speech too. No longer available so second-hand is the place to go for it	G	90%	1	-	£16	£14	£12
Chip 'n' Dale Nausously cute platformer with Disney's squeaky-voiced chipmunk duo. This two player game is great in sound, looks, play, erm, and everything else too	N	81%	4	£45	£27	£25	£22
Choplifter 2 Yet another crumbly old arcade veteran dusted off and given a new lease of life on the GB. A very involved helicopter shoot 'em up	G	80%	6	£25	£14	£12	£10

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D-Force Slow, dull, rubbishy shoot 'em up that mucks about with Mode 7 and ends up as almost the worst effort we've seen on the wonder machine	S	37%	10	£35	£20	£18	£16
Daedalian Opus Fitting funny shaped polyhedrons (oo-er) into an empty box on screen doesn't sound like fun does it? And guess what? It isn't! Another tedious puzzle game	G	45%	5	£25	£13	£11	£9
Days of Thunder Winning at this car racing game will take hours of practice. It's not that fast but has nice vector graphics and some good sound effects	G	73%	4	£25	£14	£12	£10
Defender of the Crown Strategy game that tries to look like a movie. You've got to conquer ye olde Englande in this ordinary medieval wargame	N	71%	1	£40	£26	£22	£20

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Die Hard Tatty looking, top-down arcade adventure but go beneath the graphics and you'll find an exciting game that'll keep you hooked	N	78%	7	£35	£25	£23	£19
Digger T Rock Arcadester that's not a shoot 'em up but a dig 'em up. Attractive, colourful and slick, Digger's let down by dull levels that are too huge and too frustrating	N	58%	1	£35	£24	£22	£19
Disney's Adventures Multi-game package set in Disneyland's Magic Kingdom. A poor collection of rubbishy little arcade bashes, none of which are any good	N	44%	10	£43	£24	£21	£19
Donkey Kong Classics The first two Mario games – Donkey Kong and Donkey Kong Jr. Almost identical to the originals but too long in the tooth for today	N	40%	5	£25	£13	£12	£10

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Double Dragon 2 No nonsense bash 'em up in the walk a bit, fight a bit, walk a bit, fight some more style. It's slick enough but not particularly innovative or interesting	G	77%	4	£25	£13	£11	£10
Dragon's Lair Intriguing puzzle game that's very difficult. Pretty graphics and excellent animation for the put upon hero, Dirk the Daring. One for the experts, perhaps	N	83%	3	£35	£26	£23	£20
Dragon's Lair Features some of the best Game Boy graphics around, but this can make it hard to see detail at times. Very hard but very playable platform puzzler	G	79%	3	£25	£16	£14	£12
Dragon's Lair As with all the Dragon's Lair games, this one is visually stunning – and tough to play. Tricky platform arcade stuff, but just great fun to play	S	92%	10	£45	£27	£25	£23

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Dr Franken Beautiful push screen scrolling adventure (with platforms, of course). Massive game set in a huge Gothic castle – it's one of the best GB games about	G	91%	5	£25	£16	£13	£12
Dr Mario Puzzler with nothing to do with Nintendo's favourite plumber at all. Line up coloured pills thrown randomly into a jar. Dull as visiting a hospital	G	64%	1	£22	£13	£11	£10
Duck Hunt Light gun game where you shoot ducks or clay pigeons flying across the screen. Yawn, yawn. It's okay for a few goes but it's really quite basic and remarkably boring	N	43%	4	£30	£19	£18	£16
Duck Tales Runny, jumpy, picky-uppy arcadey gamey withy Disney connectiony. Nice animation and fairly cute graphics but similar to many other NES games you've already got	N	69%	2	£45	£26	£24	£21

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Duck Tales Run 'n' jump platform adventure much the same as the NES version but just that bit better. Good fun for the GB and much more affordable than the NES one	G	78%	2	£25	£15	£13	£11
Dyna Blaster Old classsic totally revamped for the Game Boy. Brilliantly simple maze game where you plant bombs and then run away. Wonderful game and now only £15 brand new	G	93%	2	£15	£10	£9	£8
F1 Circus Formula One racer with full race season and lots of things to adjust on your car. Spoiled by top down view that means you can't see far enough in front of you.	S	64%	10	£50	£27	£24	£22
F1 Race Lots of courses in this great high speed racer. Game Pak comes with four player adaptor so if buying second hand make sure you get all the correct bits with it	G	88%	1	£30	£18	£16	£13

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F15 Strike Eagle Multi-million dollar warplanes don't fit easily onto an NES. Average flight sim, not too pretty or playable. If buying secoondhand make sure you get the instructions	N	56%	9	£35	£23	£17	£15
F-Zero Science fiction racer with 15 amazingly fast 3D courses. It's no simulator but phenomenal graphics and truly exciting gameplay make this essential for anyone's SNES	S	91%	5	£40	£27	£24	£21
Faceball 2000 Original shoot 'em up set in 3D combat arena. Graphically fab with seek and destory maze action. Immensely playable and has four player link up option too	G	93%	5	£25	£15	£12	£10
Ferrari GP Big championship racer ruined by inadequate control over car and seemingly unstoppable rivals – who don't take pit stops! Not very playable	N	61%	9	£40	£23	£20	£18

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Final Fight Colourful left to right scrolling beat 'em up with some super fight scenes and fab backgrounds. Nothing original, though, and it needed a two player facility	S	78%	9	£45	£26	£24	£20
Fortified Zone Maze based shoot 'em up which is enjoyable at first but has only four small levels none of which are that challenging	G	68%	4	£25	£14	£12	£10
Fortress of Fear Platform based, thing collecting romp in the Wizards and Warriors series. Big but extremely playable and only let down by the lack of password system	G	84%	2	£20	£13	£10	£9
Galaxy 5000 Race sim set in the future. Control method is poor and makes playing a bit of a chore. Shooting your opponents is fun but doesn't raise the whole game enough	N	52%	7	£30	£22	£18	£16

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Gargoyle's Quest Great graphics in this tricky platform adventure with role-playing features as well. The adventures tough and the arcade sections are even tougher	G	76%	3	£25	£14	£12	£9
Gauntlet II Near perfect conversion of classic dungeon arcade blast. Digitized speech, smooth scrolling and four players at once make this one bags of fun for the NES	N	88%	1	£40	£25	£22	£19
Gauntlet II Clever Game Boy copy of the fab original but it's quite drab to look at. The tiny size of the screen makes the whole maze exploration business painful	G	41%	3	£25	£14	£12	£9
Ghostbusters II Run around the scrolling scenes, blast ghosts and trap 'em in a box. Nice looking but too easy and goes on too long, beoming tedious	N	53%	5	£35	£23	£21	£18

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Ghostbusters II Two ghostbusters are under your control, racing around haunted houses capturing spooks. This clever game's fun and tough enough to keep you playing	G	85%	4	£25	£14	£13	£11
Goal! American game of soccer, as they insist on calling it. It's unrealistic, confusing, looks and sounds dreadful and it's far too slow. Avoid this pile of crud	N	39%	1	£40	£23	£21	£17
Godzilla TOTAL!'s lowest ever rated game. So bad it's beyond description. No sane person would ever buy this, if you see it for sale secondhand you know why. It's crap	N	10%	8	£35	£18	£15	£12
Golf All you could want from a golf game squeezed into the Game Boy. 36 holes,a two player link up and a very useful battery back up so that you can stop mid-round	G	92%	1	£20	£13	£11	£9

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Gremlins II Top-down view scrolling arcade shooter which is fun to play and captures the feel of the Gremlins well. Expensive new so try to find it at a bargain price	N	73%	5	£50	£26	£22	£19
Gumshoe You what? A light gun game that's not rubbish. Well, it's more like a Mario platform game than an ordinary zapper game which is no bad thing. Still not that fab	N	75%	4	£30	£20	£17	£15
Hogan's Alley Point 'n' shoot light gun blaster set on a police target range full of those pop-up cardboard targets. Hit the crims but not the civilians. It's okay but not for too long	N	64%	4	£30	£19	£16	£15
Home Alone Completely dull arcade run-about where you wander around an empty house only doing something every once in a while. Puts you to sleep quicker than hot cocoa	G	38%	4	£25	£13	£11	£8

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Hook Good use of a good film. An arcade adventure that's a little slow but is still enjoyable to play. Bright graphics and lovely sounds too. A definite winner	N	84%	6	£45	£25	£23	£20
Hook Straight copy of the NES Hook, which is no bad thing. Fast moving sprites, perhaps to detailed for the GB but still a great game. And it's got a two player mode	G	88%	6	£25	£14	£12	£10
Hunt for Red October Underwater shoot 'em up featuring a clumsy little submarine and lots subsurface enemies. Moves far to slowly and just isn't any fun whatsoever	N	31%	7	£43	£25	£22	£19
Hunt for Red October Heaps of almost identical levels in an uninspired submarine shoot 'em up based, incredibly loosely, on the film with Sean Connery in it. Bit of a wreck, really	G	40%	6	£25	£14	£12	£10

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Hyper Lode Runner It's got some widgy little graphics that are quite poor, but it's such a simple, addictive platform game that you won't care a jot. Terrific stuff and a Game Boy classic	G	84%	2	£25	£14	£12	£10
Ishido Strange board game based on an ancient eastern puzzle game. Okay at first but it's samey old stuff and you won't play it for long	G	68%	5	£20	£12	£10	£8
Isolated Warrior Weird alien blaster with an odd 3D viewpoint. An atmospheric shoot 'em up, good fun and pretty fast but can drag a bit on the bigger game zones	N	72%	1	£35	£24	£22	£19
Ivan Stewart's Super Off Road Eight track mud racer with up to four players diving in at once. Far too easy for solo drivers and only just passable as a group sesh	N	54%	1	£30	£21	£19	£16

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Jackie Chan's Action Kung Fu Bright, colourful cartoon graphics for Jack but he's still only a standard arcade platformer. It's a laugh but not to impressive	N	60%	7	£43	£26	£23	£19
Jack Nicklaus Golf The Golden Bear may be a golfing great but his game isn't. Some of the shots seem totally random ruining any hope of getting to grips with this pleasant looking sim	N	57%	4	£35	£23	£19	£17
Joe 'n' Mac Cavemen Ninja Stone age platform bash. Smashing cartoon graphics but this two player game's a bit too easy and Joe and Mac are uncontrollable at times	S	72%	9	£50	£29	£26	£23
Kickle Cubicle Curious puzzler that stretches the reflexes as well as the brain. Not much of long term challenge, however.	N	62%	4	£30	£20	£17	£14

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Kick Off Marvellous footie sim. It takes a top down view of the pitch and the whole match rips along at a cracking pace. Loads of great footie moves available	N	93%	4	£36	£24	£19	£17
Killer Tomatoes Absurd story for this GB platformer. Big levels, hard to beat bosses and lots of secret rooms to discover. Spoiled by some serious slow down on some screens	G	79%	9	£25	£14	£12	£11
King of the Zoo Terrific game that's quite unique. Roll balls at other zoo animals to beat them up. Incredibly cute and packed with playability	G	87%	1	£20	£13	£11	£9
Konami Hyper Soccer Fast kick 'n' run footie, an excellent conversion of the original arcade machine. Two players can share the action	N	83%	6	£35	£24	£22	£19

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Krusty's Super Fun House Completely hatstand arcade puzzler where Krusty the Clown has to move rats into a trap. Intriguing and addictive to play	S	80%	8	£50	£31	£26	£22
Kwirk Help Kwirk the tomato find his way out of some seemingly simple mazes. gets incredibly frustrating but it's so playable you'll stick at the thing	G	78%	1	£20	£14	£12	£10
Lemmings A legend in it's own lunchtime, Lemmings puts you in control of the destiny of hordes of suicidal rodents. Fun puzzler which has some annoying slow down	S	81%	10	£50	£29	£26	£23
Little Nemo Cartoon arcade adventure which looks and sounds great. It's a bit difficult but rewarding when you manage to finish a level.	N	77%	8	£35	£25	£21	£18

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Low G Man Enormous levels, superb graphics, ear-enticing soundtracks and frenetic gameplay. Add some super special weapons and here's one terrific arcadester	N	94%	2	£35	£26	£22	£19
Maniac Mansion Old adventure that uses menus to enter commands. Funny, with some clever puzzles and alternative endings. So expensive, it's an ideal secondhand purchase	N	83%	3	£55	£29	£25	£22
Marble Madness Graphically it's just like the old arcade classic but this conversion only has six levels that are far too easy to complete	N	56%	2	£40	£24	£18	£16
Marble Madness Same as the NES version. Game Boy looks and plays like the real thing but is so small and so easy that you'll finish it inside a day.	G	31%	4	£25	£13	£11	£8

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Maxivision 15 A collection of 15 puzzle, zapper, and arcade games on one cart. It sounds good value, but they're mostly naff. The price tag doesn't help	N	27%	10	£90	£35	£25	£23
Mega Man Tough and mean platform shoot'em up. Six incredibly hard levels and no passcodes make this an extremely difficult game, so beware	N	68%	6	£35	£23	£17	£13
Mega Man II Not as difficult as the first Mega Man and a better game all round. Same style platform gameplay but easier to complete	N	83%	6	£45	£26	£18	£16
Mega Man III Upgrade of the first two games. Much more playable with smashin' graphics and a whole host of new opponents. A worthwhile buy	N	87%	10	£40	£27	£19	£16

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Mercenary Force Tedious, left-to-right scrolling game. You control a band of men which, while being original, provides a rather large target for your opponents	G	54%	9	£25	£14	£12	£11
Metroid II Basically, a small game that's become bloated. Too big and bland for most gamers to enjoy but massive challenge with a useful battery back-up	G	66%	8	£26	£15	£13	£12
Mickey's Dangerous Chase Sad excuse of a platformer. Bland early stages and only becomes worth playing towards the end. Not much of a Mickey game	G	38%	9	£25	£14	£12	£11
Micro Machines Fantastic, original and very addictive racing game taking place across pool tables, breakfast tables and other wacky courses. Very different but works really well	N	92%	9	£33	£26	£19	£17

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Missile Command Could've been a big hit on the small screen, but poor control and lame visuals means this game falls miles short of the target	G	49%	7	£25	£14	£12	£11
Mission Impossible Spy arcade adventure with a top down view. Graphics are pretty poor and controls awkward, but plenty of things to do so there's lots of spying fun to be had	N	79%	4	£40	£25	£18	£16
Motocross Maniacs Fast 'n' furious racing action across obstacle-packed courses. Graphics are a bit bland but the gameplay is very addictive and perfect for the Game Boy	G	91%	7	£20	£15	£13	£11
Musya Oriental arcade adventure with some nice touches but not enough action. Despite attractive backdrops, flashy bonuses and weird weapons, this is a real plod'em up	S	59%	8	£45	£24	£22	£20

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Navy Seals A platform shoot'em up where you run along and shoot people. Good blasting gameplay and big 'n' bold sprites	G	79%	2	£25	£15	£12	£11
Nail 'n' Scale Completely naff, hop-around 'n' throw puzzle-type platformer. Puzzle fans will get bored of it very quickly, so everyone else leave it alone	G	32%	10	£25	£14	£11	£9
Nemesis Otherwise known as Gradius. This is a fab shoot'em up with smashin' graphics in a lefty-righty scrolling style game. A classy blaster and no mistake.	G	92%	2	£25	£15	£13	£11
NES Open Golf A brill golf game, that'll last for ages. Three 18-hole courses, lots of control over the ball, tournaments, rankings and you don't have to eat your greens	N	86%	10	£40	£24	£17	£15

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New Zealand Story A stunning arcade adventure conversion. Leap and float around platform-filled levels riddled with nasties. Ace guardians and a generally fab game all round	N	93%	5	£40	£27	£19	£17
Nintendo World Cup More oddball than football. It's an interesting attempt at a footy game but the gameplay is sadly lacking in excitement. There are better games about	G	64%	1	£20	£14	£12	£10
Operation Wolf A crap light-gun game where the screen flashes white every time you pull the trigger. The arcade version was alright, but you had a machine gun for that one	N	36%	10	£30	£21	£16	£14
Othello Board game conversion which has stood the test of time and has been brought slap bang up to date. Excellent value for money and very addictive	G	92%	2	£20	£13	£11	£10

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Pacman Yep, the ye olde game from your local arcade. It's only got a single maze and the controls are too fiddly. This one's strictly for nostalgia freaks	G	51%	7	£25	£14	£12	£11
Paperboy Diagonal scrolling game. Deliver your papers and dodge angry customers. This game picks up a lot of fans – dunno why, it's as dull as the Sunday Times	G	77%	3	£20	£14	£12	£10
Paperboy II Almost identical to the first one. There's nothing strikingly wrong with this game, on the other hand, there's nothing strikingly brilliant either	G	61%	10	£25	£15	£13	£11
Paperboy II The same game as on the Game Boy – and definitely not worthy of the SNES. This is worse than actually doing a paper round. Don't waste your money	S	32%	10	£40	£23	£21	£20

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Parodius This is basically a standard shooter, but it looks fab and is plenty of fun. Infinite continues make it too easy to complete, though	G	83%	10	£25	£15	£13	£11
Parodius A shoot'em up with plenty to get your teeth into. This one is more for the younger joypad twiddlers but it's a really imaginative and well-drawn game. Loads of fun	S	87%	9	£54	£30	£27	£25
Pit Fighter Cruddy beat'em up where you fight other men in a pit. There's not a lot else to say about this, apart from don't buy it unless someone's got a gun to your head	G	27%	10	£29	£13	£11	£9
Populus God simulator played over a 3D isometric landscape controlling the destiny of millions. Not for arcade fans – it's far too intense	S	_	_	£45	£28	£20	£18

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Power Blade A platform shoot'em up with rip-roaring sound effects and some impressive-looking beasties, but the actual game is a bit of a doddle and you'll get through it in a week	N	49%	2	£35	£23	£19	£15
Prince Of Persia Nice to look at but not a lot of game under the surface. The levels are complex, beautifully designed and will take ages to complete	G	83%	8	£29	£15	£13	£12
Prince Of Persia One of the hardest arcade puzzle adventure games ever made. The animation is a treat to watch and it's a tough one to complete	S	84%	9	£50	£31	£24	£22
Probotector Classic NES version of the arcade platform shoot'em up, Contra. Excellent firepower and some of the most frantic gameplay you'll ever encounter on this format	N	85%	4	£35	£26	£24	£22

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Probotector Would-be Arnies won't find a better blaster on the Game Boy. This is the handheld version of Contra with some meaty enemies and fab sprites	G	92%	8	£30	£16	£14	£12
Q*Bert An oldie but the gameplay is timeless and incredibly addictive. It looks like a basic platform puzzler, but neat little extras really snaz it up	G	80%	7	£25	£15	£13	£11
Qix A faithful reproduction of the old steam-driven original. Guide a ship around the screen filling it up as you go. Weird but worth a look	G	81%	1	£20	£14	£12	£10
R-Type One of the all-time classic shoot'em ups. There's plenty of blasting and power-up collecting. Even though there's nothing new, it's still a superb game	G	86%	1	£20	£14	£12	£10

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RPM Racing Slow racing game. Nothing here that'll have the blood rushing to your brain. The only good element of this game is that you can build your own tracks. What fun	S	46%	9	£45	£29	£27	£25
Rad Racer Reasonable racer but spoilt by average graphics and a very tight time limit. The 3D shades are a bit of a novelty, but the gameplay is too hard and repetitive	N	66%	9	£30	£23	£17	£15
Radar Mission Remember Battleships? Well, this is it, only the plastic pegs have been replaced by a couple of blobs on the LCD screen	G	53%	3	£20	£13	£11	£9
Rainbow Islands Almost faultless platformer. Near perfect gameplay and a brilliantly-judged difficulty level. If you've got the money, buy this game 'cos it's absolutely fab	N	92%	5	£40	£26	£21	£19

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Rescue Of Princess Blobette Boy and his Blob on the Game Boy. It's as dull as the NES version, just the same old wandering around with nothing to do platformer	G	55%	2	£25	£14	£11	£9
Rescue – The Embassy Mission Manoeuvre SAS men around an embassy doing all manner of SAS-type things. Exciting? Err, no. Kind of dull really. Hardly worth a look	N	48%	5	£30	£22	£19	£17
Revenge Of Gator Pinball freaks won't find a better simulation than this. All the fun, flippers and features of an arcade machine – but easier to carry around	G	85%	1	£20	£14	£13	£11
Rival Turf An excellent two player stroll 'n' beat'em up, it's a pity the action is too distant from Double Dragon. The gameplay's fast but not so thrilling when playing on your own	S	70%	9	£45	£29	£27	£25

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Road Fighter Addictive and fun but it looks awful and is far too primitive to justify the price. Leave this'un in the arcade to play for old times' sake	N	44%	6	£30	£22	£20	£18
Robocop Fun stomp-and-blast arcade platform conversion with the action and visuals to back it up, but it's all too easy and only the later levels offer any real challenge	N	66%	2	£40	£23	£21	£19
Robocop Pretty entertaining platformer with well-drawn sprites and a really tough challenge. Trouble is, the game's too slow-moving to be brilliant	G	74%	1	£25	£15	£13	£12
The Rocketeer Simplistic, boring, and generally bad in every way. It has a series of mini-games that require no skill what-so-ever. Real hit 'n' hope stuff	S	28%	7	£45	£25	£20	£18

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Roller Games 21st century street sport, with a good mix of hazard-jumping and people-bashing. Not a brilliant game, but fun nevertheless	N	72%	2	£40	£26	£23	£21
Shadow Gate Magical mystery tour to track down evil-doers. Plenty of places to visit, and the puzzles are taxing too. This game would be fun if you didn't keep on dying	N	74%	2	£40	£24	£20	£18
Shadow Warriors A beat'em up to avoid. The levels are huge and the graphics varied, but sadly the gameplay's frustrating and the control's are pretty bad	N	47%	3	£35	£22	£19	£17
Side Pocket American rules and the lack of a computer opponent make it a bit disappointing. Two player option is OK, but anyone who's really into pool will be dead miffed at this	G	59%	1	£25	£14	£11	£9

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Sim City The best £45 you could ever spend. The concept is simple and the looks basic, but the game is huge. You basically run a city and keep the people happy	S	94%	7	£45	£31	£22	£20
Simpsons – Bart vs The Space Mutants Bart solves the puzzles and collects the everyday objects from five levels of scrolling suburbia. Sampled speech, fab sounds but no passcodes	N	81%	1	£40	£26	£23	£21
Skate Or Die Consists of five sub-games or events. Unfortunately, none of them are particularly inspiring and some of them absolutely stink. Yuk	N	52%	1	£30	£18	£15	£14
Skate Or Die This game is sufficiently different to the NES version to make it quite a fab game. Still the same choice of skating or dying, but the first option gets the vote this time	G	76%	2	£25	£15	£13	£11

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Ski Or Die Just like Skate Or Die, only it's got more white in it. The five events take place on snow-capped mountains. Dull whether in one or two player mode. Double yuk	N	53%	2	£40	£23	£21	£19
Smash TV Incredibly frantic blaster and impressive arcade conversion. May not be varied enough for real long-term fun, but certainly a good challenge and plenty of fun	N	82%	3	£40	£27	£25	£23
Snake, Rattle and Roll A cracking 3D, scrolly-collecty type game. Simultaneous two player game really cranks the percentage up, as does 11 levels of some smashin' graphics	N	90%	1	£30	£22	£19	£17
Snake's Revenge Unoriginal, mazey gameplay weighed down by really lame combat in this Rambo-style mission. Graphics and sounds are nothing special so the fun wears off pretty quickly	N	44%	6	£35	£23	£21	£19

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Sneaky Snakes 2D Version of the NES Snake, Rattle and Roll game. Unfortunately, the loss of the third dimension makes this one really dull and destroys the game	G	58%	4	£25	£14	£12	£10
Snoopy's Magic Show Great little puzzle game with clear and simple graphics. Fab game for playing when on the move but passcodes make it too easy to finish	G	71%	7	£25	£14	£12	£10
Solar Jetman Twelve huge levels of exploring and shooting. Fab jetpack-thrusting, power-up collecting action. Games don't come any better than this one	N	92%	1	£30	£23	£21	£19
Solar Striker Top-to-bottom shoot'em up scrollers don't come much more basic than this, but despite its simplicity, it's still a great game	G	72%	1	£20	£14	£12	£10

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Solomon's Club Stunning puzzle game featuring the best elements of a variety of game styles. Brainboxes and arcade fans alike should add this to their collection	G	93%	7	£25	£15	£12	£11
Solstice Fantasy world in 3D to explore. Over 250 rooms with gob-smacking graphics and dreamy animation. Highly playable and classy game	N	90%	1	£35	£24	£18	£16
Star Saver Platforms, guns and bad guys all wrapped up into a tedious little game that gets less and less interesting every time you play it. Don't waste your money	G	34%	8	£25	£13	£11	£9
Star Trek Two different styles of games in here, a left to right scrolling shoot'em up and a bit where the crew beam down to a planet. Gameplay's bland and basic	G	57%	10	£29	£16	£13	£11

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Star Wars Platform shoot'em up with a few spaceshippy bits thrown in. A massive, really a good game with wonderful graphics. That price tag is absolutely stupid, though	N	88%	3	£50	£26	£24	£22
Street Fighter II One of the best coin-op conversions ever! Action-packed beat'em up with fantastic animation and dozens of moves. Buy it	S	94%	8	£54	£36	£30	£28
Super Hunchback Brilliantly animated platformer with loads of clever extras – just what the Game Boy was made for. This one's come a long way since its Spectrum and Beeb days	G	90%	7	£29	£15	£17	£13
Super Kick Off The best footy game on the Game Boy. Despite the lack of a two player mode, the computer is a tough opponent and the pace of play is quite amazing	G	77%	6	£25	£15	£12	£10

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Super Mario Bros II More varied than the first Mario Bros, but not as good as the third. Still, an interesting platformer and worth a look	N	79%	5	£40	£25	£23	£21
Super Mario Bros III The jewel in the NES' crown. The best platformer we've seen so far on this format, no collection would be complete without it. If you can't find it secondhand, buy it new	N	98%	1	£40	£26	£24	£22
Super Mario Land An absolutely cracking game! All the action, hidden secrets and sheer class of its full-size NES counterparts. The best platformer available for the Game Boy so far	G	94%	1	£20	£15	£13	£11
Super Off Road Dirt racing game, identical to the NES version only the graphics are nicer. Only really any good in the head-to-head mode	S	53%	7	£42	£27	£22	£20

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Super Probotector Otherwise known as Contra 3 – Alien Wars. It's just a blood-bath of intense, blasting platform action. Graphics and sounds are out of this world	S	88%	9	£45	£30	£27	£25
Super RC Pro Am Race game with four player simultaneous action (with adapter). Great with mates, tiresome on your own	G	87%	1	£30	£18	£16	£8
Super R-Type Arcade quality version of a this old favourite shoot'em up. Scrolling's a bit jerky, action's patchy, and there's not many restart points. Arcade junkies will still love it	S	71%	6	£40	£28	£26	£24
Super Smash TV Brutal, rock-hard action straight from the arcade. Pure and magnificent shoot'em up, but not for softies	S	93%	8	£50	£33	£29	£27

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Super Soccer 3D soccer game with excellent looks, control and 16 world-class teams to challenge. Rules are a bit backwards, but it's still a fun game	S	80%	6	£40	£28	£24	£22
Super Tennis The best tennis simulation ever! Even if you don't like tennis, it's great fun. Massive range of moves and a range of players to choose from, each with their own style	S	96%	5	£40	£28	£24	£22
Super WWF Wrestling simulation that, even if you hate WWF, can give you hours of entertainment. Great looks and really atmospheric sounds	S	81%	6	£50	£32	£26	£24
Swords And Serpents Adventuring for four people. Choose your own party of adventurers and head off to the dungeons to slay the evil serpent. A great role-player	N	82%	2	£35	£25	£23	£21

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Sword Master The most boring game ever seen on the NES. Although the scenery is quite pretty, this contains the most simplistic and repetitive gameplay around	N	22%	2	£40	£20	£15	£12
Tennis Superb tennis simulation with a range of shots made at the flick of a joypad. Graphics are perfect for the game and the Gamelink option is available as well	G	95%	1	£20	£14	£11	£9
Terminator II Mostly platform beat'em up action which sticks mostly to the plot of the film, but there's also a motorcycling bit to break up the game	N	74%	3	£40	£27	£24	£22
Terminator II Uses the best parts of the movie plot in this well-drawn platformer. You control Arnie and fend off attacks from the T-1000. Pretty neat stuff	G	80%	3	£25	£15	£13	£11

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Time Lord Five levels of puzzle-solving, time-travelling boredom. There's the odd good idea in this game but it's all been put together really badly	N	43%	1	£35	£25	£22	£19
Tiny Toons Adventures A brilliant cartoony platform game that's cute, playable and pretty. Restart points aren't very frequent, though. This one's definitely worth a look	N	88%	9	£40	£28	£25	£23
Tiny Toons Adventures Extremely playable bounce 'n' bash platformer but with a few too many wordy bits. Lovely graphics and animation	G	89%	9	£28	£15	£13	£11
To The Earth A proper 3D shoot'em up that utilises a zapper. Waves of aliens, end-of-level guardians and power-ups. Easily the best zapper game available	N	82%	4	£30	£22	£20	£18

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Top Gear The best two player racing game, ever. Exceptional graphics in a split screen mode. Race addicts be warned, you won't beat this one	S	93%	9	£45	£32	£28	£26
Top Gun II Air combat flight sim. you're in the hot seat of an F-15 Tomcat. Amazingly fast with brilliant visuals but it's too hard to be really fun	N	66%	1	£40	£26	£22	£20
Track And Field II Complicated button-bashing sports sim. If you like these games, you'll like this. If you don't, you won't. Some interesting events but nothing special	N	54%	6	£35	£25	£16	£15
Track Meet A well-designed simulation which is fun to play but has nothing really new to offer. Be warned – your Game Boy may get knackered before you do	G	64%	9	£28	£17	£14	£12

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Trog This is a 50 level maze game in which you run around the screen collecting eggs and avoiding hungry cavemen. Short term fun only	N	67%	3	£30	£19	£17	£15
Turbo Racing Smooth-playing racing game with nice graphics and plenty to keep you interested. Customising cars is a nice extra	N	81%	9	£30	£20	£17	£15
Turtles Cracking beat'em up, especially for Turtle fans. An option screen allows you to play any level, but play the game properly and you'll have great fun	G	91%	1	£25	£15	£13	£11
Turtles II Platform game that's a faithful reproduction of the coin-op. Lots of action and a few nice touches but it's all a bit slow. It's pretty playable in two player mode, though	N	66%	6	£45	£27	£22	£20

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Turtles II A fine sequel to the first Turtles game. Same frantic action, more variety and a tougher mission. Well worth buying	G	84%	7	£25	£15	£13	£11
Turrican Massive and very challenging platform shoot'em up. It worked brilliantly on the big screen but suffers a bit on the Game Boy	G	79%	5	£25	£15	£13	£11
World Circuit Series A good Grand Prix simulation that's just a bit too hard. Excellent selection of tracks and with a four player option, if you can stand the pace, you'll love it	G	75%	9	£25	£14	£12	£11
WWF Wrestlemania Challenge Underneath, this game's a real lightweight. It's too easy and the gameplay is repetitive. Graphics are bad as well	N	30%	6	£35	£24	£18	£16

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WWF Superstars Hulk, Jake and the other body beautifuls pile into each other. Beat 'em up with lots of moves but the opposition doesn't put up much of a fight. Two players is okay	G	49%	4	£25	£13	£11	£10
Xardion Pathetic turkey of a game that has to be one of the most uninspired platformers yet seen on the SNES. Looks awful and is a real waste of money. Danger – stay away	S	27%	9	£45	£26	£24	£23
Zelda Basic looking but quite gripping adventure that needs a lot of mapping if you want to succeed. Not much action but one big challenge for role players. Needs instructions	N	78%	2	£40	£24	£21	£19
Zelda 2 Enormous adventure that only the brave should attempt. Plenty of action too in this giant arcade based role playing game	N	82%	2	£40	£25	£22	£20

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